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A Heritage Flight with a P-51 Mustang, F-15, F-22 and A-10 fly over the crowd during Arctic Thunder. The event drew nearly 136,000 for Elmendorf's 60th open house and air show.

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Member concerned with hospital service

Q: I’m concerned about the continuous decline in patient treatment at the base’s Family Practice Clinic.

On multiple occasions I have waited 30 minutes past my appointment time to be seen by a provider; this has now become the norm I am told by the technicians who check patients in. This makes the total waiting time 45 minutes when you add the 15 minutes prior to appointment time that you must check in.

On July 17, I reported to Family Practice at 11:05 a.m. for my 11:20 a.m. appointment. I waited in the Snowy Owl waiting area until 11:50 a.m., at which time I looked for a technician and asked when I might be seen since as it was already 30 minutes past my appointment time. I was told “... oh, I was just going to call you back.”

I was checked into my room. Since I wasn’t told, I asked if my provider was running behind to which the tech replied “... yes he probably won’t be in until 12:20 p.m.” One full hour past my appointment time. I sat in that room until 12:45 p.m. before I finally left without seeing my provider. I found the tech again, and told her I was leaving that I had waited an hour and 25 minutes past my appointment time. All they said is “okay” and I was given a wave of the hand – why should they care? It was a complete lack of respect for my time and my inconvenience.

The techs don’t greet you, barely mumble your name when they call you back, then leave you sitting in a room for 45 minutes while they take lunch. Please explain to me why these actions occur. If you can’t support the patient load why not give patients referrals to be seen downtown?

As I’m typing this I have been trying to contact the pediatric clinic. I started at 11:50 a.m., it is now 1:45 p.m. The line was busy until noon. Then it was free but rang without ever being answered or forwarded to a recording. The line was busy again at exactly 1 p.m. Then it was busy again 15 minutes later. If I take my infant to the emergency room I am asked why I didn’t go to pediatrics or contact a nurse. Are the physicians

not there to serve the active duty dependents or has it become their mission to be so rude and hurtful that we’d rather be sick and hurt than go in to try and be seen and insulted?

I don’t think that is acceptable in any line of business but especially in a service organization. In my experience, the clinic patients seem to be treated as an inconvenience and are treated with no respect or common courtesy. This is what I tell people when they ask how the Air Force treats the family members of the men and women fighting for our country.

A: Currently the Family Practice Clinic is operating under several constraints.

June through August are typically heavy PCS months for Air Force medical providers. In addition, we currently have many of our medics from the 3rd Medical Group deployed across the globe to support our Airmen, Soldiers, Sailors and Marines in the war against terrorism. As a result, the family practice clinic is currently understaffed and has only 75 percent of the necessary providers to see the enrolled population.

Currently our family practice providers are seeing more patients than typically seen in similar medical treatment facilities across the Air Force medical system. This is a temporary problem and the provider staff should be replenished by the beginning of October.

Additionally, we have sent approximately 5,400 patients to be seen by family practice providers downtown.

This was done in the spring for multiple reasons, one of which was the staffing issues that I mentioned above. For patients who already receive care at the base, we have not resorted to transferring their medical care downtown permanently for two reasons. First, the reduction in clinic capacity is temporary. Secondly, we hope that all of our patients and physicians have developed good rapport and we want to continue that relationship so we can provide quality health care.

We hope our family practice doctors are seeing not only you but your

family as a family unit, so generally we refrain from abandoning that continuity link if we expect a remedy to be forthcoming.

In investigating the phone access for scheduling appointments in the pediatric clinic, the schedulers of that clinic inform me that the peak hours for fielding appointment requests are first thing in the morning and mid-day. Schedulers are more available after the morning rush and after 2 p.m. The clinic does have an “Ask a Nurse” line that can triage your enquiries or take a message for your provider. The number is 580-2900. You also may ask to be transferred to the nurse line from central appointments.

An additional option for both pediatric and adult appointments is the Acute Care Clinic appointment.

These are one-time appointments at clinics in the Anchorage community. They are arranged by calling central appointments. You will be issued a control number over the phone. This number serves two purposes. First, it notifies the urgent care clinic that your care has been authorized by the base. Secondly, it serves as a tracking number so that we can insure that the results of that appointment are funneled back to your pediatrician or your Family Practice provider.

We apologize for your recent wait well beyond your appointment time and your frustrating phone experience. This is not the high quality health care we typically provide our deserving warriors, past and present, nor their families who sacrifice so much for their country.

I have instructed the family practice clinic, and all our clinics to (1) tell you and all our patients if your provider is running behind by more than 30 minutes at the time of your check-in, and (2) to give you the option of rescheduling an appointment before you leave the clinic, if your wait is more than 40 minutes.

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to improve our processes and the way we care for you, your family, and all of our deserving active duty, families and retirees.



Tech. Sgt. Michael Cowell, 19th Fighter Squadron, procured more than \$150,000 of life support equipment before the F-22 conversion of the 90th Fighter Squadron. He eliminated flight line and exposure suit shortfall areas, adding 10 new ACES II kit containers, 40 new CRU – 94’s and 15 exposure suits. Sergeant Cowell’s insight prepared his section for upsizing the 19th FS’s F-15 program.

Tech. Sgt. Jennifer Schmeisser, 12th Fighter Squadron, managed all the suspense, promotion and performance reports, decorations, appointment letters and data processing equipment for the 12th FS while training one new airmen in her shop to take over all of these duties. Since the change of command in June, the squadron has not missed a single suspense — a testament to her dedication despite being the only person on duty in her shop during that time.

1st Lt. Aaron Muller and Staff Sgt. Robert Ekstroem, 3rd Logistics Readiness Squadron Installation Readiness Flight Wing Support Agreements Office, are responsible for management and negotiation of 67 installationwide support agreements. During the third quarter of this fiscal year, Lieutenant Muller and Sergeant Ekstroem’s program oversight was instrumental in driving the wing’s currency level from 46 to 91 percent. Their perseverance led to the flight exceeding the Pacific Air Forces goal of 90 percent for the first time ever.



Brig. Gen. Hawk Carlisle
3rd Wing commander

Do you have a problem you can't seem to get solved? Would you like to recognize someone for a job well done?

The commander’s action line is your avenue to communicate your questions, comments and concerns directly to the commander, Brig. Gen. Hawk Carlisle. Your calls will get the commander’s personal attention and be answered in a timely manner.

If you have a question, call or e-mail the action line at:

552-2224
actionline@elmendorf.af.mil

The following commanders stand ready to help you and can answer the majority of your questions. If they can’t help, then please call the Action Line.

Key phone numbers:

- Lt. Col. James Hodges, 3rd CES/CC
552-3007
- Lt. Col. Michael Borgert, 3rd SVS/CC
552-2468
- Lt. Col. Paul Story, 3rd SFS/CC
552-4304



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Elmendorf Moment in History

Aug. 18, 1992:

Mount Spurr, a volcano approximately 80 miles west of Elmendorf AFB, erupted spewing and spreading about ¼-inch of fine ash over the base and local area. Members of the 3rd Wing work together to shovel ash from the parking ramps and runway after the Mount Spurr eruption.



'Pride is Contagious'

SEAC shares opinions with Alaska's military

By Senior Airman Jared Marquis
3rd Wing Public Affairs

"Pride is contagious"

That is the mantra of Army Command Sgt. Maj. William Gainey, Senior Enlisted Advisor to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

The message of pride is one Sergeant Major Gainey stressed to the men and women serving in the military as he visited Alaska last week.

In addition to pride, Sergeant Major Gainey explained the direction in which the military services are moving.

"In the future, you are going to see more and more jointness," said the sergeant major. "It's going to be a team effort; we are never going to fight alone again."

The sergeant major, who often uses analogies and visualization to get his point across, said this doesn't mean we will lose the individuality of the services.

"It's never going to be 'one army' or 'one navy' everyone's going to do their own thing, but at times we've got to bring it together."

One of the ways he suggests easing the transition is getting to know each other.

"Here is how I suggest doing that, Army, learn the [Air Force Instructions], Navy learn my Army 670-1. Learn the other services regulations. When I walk up to a young Airman, I should be able to tell if he or she is in uniform or not."

One of the examples he used to

illustrate gaining the knowledge of the other services regulations was the difference in dress between Army and Air Force females.

"Young ladies in the Air Force are permitted to wear pony tails, Young ladies in the United States Army are not. The Air Force needs to know to correct the Soldier, but they need to know how to correct her. They need to be able to say 'no free hanging hair, it has to be attached to the head.' The Army needs to be able to say 'She's permitted to have a pony tail, but it can't hang below the collar,'" he said.

"Because, when you go up to a young person and correct them, and they are right, and you are wrong through your ignorance of their regulations, you have caused the standard of your service to go down in their eyes."

"That is what I tell young people, get to know each other by sharing the pride you have in service. I'm a Soldier; I can share my pride as a Soldier with a Marine. They can share their pride with me and guess what? It's legal, it's healthy, and its helping us learn about each other."

Another way he suggested increasing jointness, is to start training together.

"Everybody uses the term 'we train as we fight.' I am not convinced we really are training as we fight because I have not seen a joint effort until we go to a military readiness exercise. I'm talking about training together on a daily or a weekly basis.

Alaska is very lucky, because



PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. DAVID DONOVAN

Army Sgt. Maj. William Gainey, Senior Enlisted Advisor to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, talks to members of the 381st Intelligence Squadron last week. Sergeant Major Gainey was visiting the Military members stationed in Alaska as part of his duties as the first SEAC.

they have Lt. Gen. [Douglas] Fraser and Command Chief Master Sgt. [David] Andrews. They understand jointness, and they are trying to bring everybody together. Economy of force, that's what it is all about. That is truly training together as we fight."

In addition to pride and jointness, Sergeant Major Gainey wanted to stress one other message: every person serving in the military, regardless of in what capacity, should feel good about themselves.

"Everybody is in the war, look at the word global, it doesn't mean Alaska or Mississippi, it means

worldwide. Global is global, don't think that because you are sitting in a room flying a UAV, you are not in the war. You are just as much in the fight as anybody pulling the trigger," he said.

"You need to be proud; you are part of the two percent giving freedom to the other 98 percent of the country.

"It makes me feel good every single morning knowing that I am part of giving someone the freedom to protest and speak out against me as a person. But it is okay that they do, because the alternative is not worth it."

Roles and responsibilities of the SEAC

Functions

■ In carrying out the functions, roles, duties, and responsibilities, the SEAC shall, as appropriate, consult with and seek the advice of the Services and combatant commands Senior Enlisted Advisors (SEAs) on all issues pertaining to joint servicemembers.

■ The SEAC shall convene regular meetings with the Services and combatant commands SEAs.

As the SEA to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff (Chairman), the SEAC will be an advisor to the Chairman on all matters concerning joint and combined total force integration, utilization, and development. Additionally, the SEAC will help develop noncommissioned officers (NCOs)-related joint professional education, enhance utilization of our senior NCOs on joint battle staffs, and support the Chairman's responsibilities as directed.

■ The SEAC holds the grade of E-9 and is equal in seniority to the Services' SEAs.

Roles

■ Oversight. The SEAC will have oversight in any area that the Chairman assigns him.

■ Spokesman. The SEAC will be the spokesman from the Chairman to all Services' senior enlisted leaders. The SEAC, in some

cases, will be the spokesman for all enlisted members of the Services and combatant commands during meetings with leaders from the Services, civilian community, and service leaders from other nations.

■ Communicator. The SEAC is not in the direct chain of command of the Services' or combatant commands' SEAs, however, he is in the communication chain. The SEAC will be the Chairman's link to and/or from the Services' and combatant commands' SEAs.

■ Integrator. During visits to areas of operation, the SEAC will identify any issues or problems that might affect the Services as a whole. When a problem is identified, he will work with the Services to find a common solution and help integrate, if possible, the solution into all of the Services.

Duties and Responsibilities

■ Travel extensively to areas of operation to discuss military concerns with enlisted members pertaining to joint issues.

■ Establish liaisons with the combatant command and Service senior enlisted representatives to initiate discussions and make recommendations to the Chairman and/or Joint Chiefs of Staff and other pertinent senior leadership on enlisted issues associated with joint duties.

■ Identify and assess factors impacting the morale and well being of the enlisted force in the joint arena.

■ Advise the Joint Staff leadership on policies and programs pertaining to enlisted professional military education and joint individual training.

■ Testify before Congress and meet with members in all levels of government to discuss joint enlisted issue concerns.

■ Serve, as directed by the Chairman, on key advisory staffs and/or committees, such as those related to morale, welfare, and recreation, the United Services Organization, and American Red Cross to represent concerns and needs of enlisted members assigned to joint missions.

■ Advise the Chairman and/or Joint Chiefs of Staff and senior civilian leadership on matters impacting the enlisted force, such as operations tempo, management and/or supervisor joint training, and quality of life in the joint arena.

■ Represent the Chairman in liaison activities with enlisted representatives of foreign military organizations.

■ Act as the focal point in the strategic development of joint senior NCOs; focus would be on providing the report to Congress on the assessment and initiatives to improve the performance of senior NCOs in the joint environment.

PACAF Environmental Assessment begins Monday

By Jon Scudder
3rd Civil Engineer Squadron

The Headquarters, Pacific Air Forces Environmental, Safety, and Occupational Health Compliance Assessment Management Program (ESOHCAMP) kicks off Monday to assess the base’s compliance with all environmental, safety, and occupational health regulations and laws.

The assessment will begin at the Reeves Conference Center with an in-brief at 8 a.m. and will continue until Aug. 25 with an outbrief for the base populace at the base theater, slated for 2 p.m.

“ESOHCAMP helps Team Elmendorf manage and improve environmental, safety and occupational health programs by identifying potential shortcomings so they can be fixed as soon as possible,” said Lt. Col. James Hodges, 3rd Civil Engineer Squadron commander.

“We help ourselves by showing Elmendorf’s ‘health’ in terms of the ESOHCAMP focus areas and then we do what’s required to maintain our resources in accordance with applicable environmental standards and to ensure members of Team Elmendorf have a safe place to work,” added Colonel Hodges.

“A team of about 30 assessors, who are experts in their fields, will scour the base to help commanders

assess the status of their programs and find solutions to any observed problems,” said Jamie Spell, 3rd Civil Engineer Environmental flight chief.

They will be checking units for good and bad practices regarding air emissions, hazardous material waste handling, pesticide handling, hearing conservation and personal protective equipment.

The teams will also delve into water quality issues, wastewater management and solid waste programs, as well as preservation of our cultural and natural resources.

“A lot of people think of this as an inspection,” said Mr. Spell. “It’s not. It’s an assessment to identify and correct problems, and validate our funding requests. Our goal is to keep all of us safer and healthier.”

During this external assessment, normally conducted every three years, the assessors will conduct record searches, conduct interviews and evaluate Elmendorf’s work centers.

Dumpsters will be checked for improperly disposed waste items, such as recyclables and hazardous materials.

Teams will also look for the best management practices in these areas. “All of these findings will fit together and give us an overall measure of how we are doing as a base,” said Mr. Spell.

“The assessment can help prevent future problems,” added

Mr. Spell. “The key to this assessment is identifying and correcting little problems, before they become large.”

ESOHCAMP has three levels of classifying deficiencies – minor, major and significant.

Minor findings are generally administrative in nature, are inconsistent with policy and are temporary or occasional.

“These will likely make up the bulk of the findings,” said Mr. Spell.

Major findings are the next level of urgency and pose a possible threat or could make the Air Force subject to a violation from an external regulatory agency.

The teams also make note of repeat violations that were supposed to be fixed from the previous assessment to ensure past problems have been corrected.

Lastly, a significant finding poses an immediate threat to health, safety, the environment or the mission and must be corrected immediately.

However, Mr. Spell said not all findings are negative.

“The assessment team can also award a positive rating to a unit for activities that are obviously above and beyond what is normally required,” he said.

He said these outstanding performers will be recognized at the out-brief on Friday.

During the last HQ PACAF

ESOHCAMP in 2002 there were 89 reported findings, none of which were classified as significant.

Many of the findings were due to improper storage of hazardous materials, missing material safety data sheets, and container mislabeling. The team also reported finding a large number of recyclable items, such as aluminum cans and wood placed in dumpsters.

The team also found many areas that deserved recognition. Nine positive findings were identified. Examples of these findings included outstanding hazardous material management and safety programs at several organizations.

To help prepare Elmendorf for the ESOHCAMP, a group of base volunteers canvassed the base during the week of July 24.

“Results of this informal assessment were encouraging,” said Mr. Spell. He said these findings were sent to commanders to be corrected prior to the ESOHCAMP.

“We saw a lot of our industrial shops doing an outstanding job complying with ESOHCAMP protocols,” Mr. Spell said. “This reflects the commendable hard work by our personnel and attention to detail,” said Mr. Spell.

“With this level of enthusiasm and support, I am confident we will have outstanding ESOHCAMP results and show that Team Elmendorf leads the way in ESOH compliance.”



Sweepstakes pays \$50K

Louisa Hull (center) accepts her \$50,000 check from AAFES General Manager Robert Biringer and Monica Brown, Webco representative, Aug. 11 at the main exchange here. Mrs. Hull's name was drawn during the Holiday Sweepstakes in December 2005. About 55 exchanges around the world participated in the sweepstakes. Mrs. Hull had the choice of a Mercedes Benz Roadster or \$50,000 cash. The drawing was sponsored by Webco.

BDU uniforms available on-line

DALLAS – With the latest edition to the Exchange Online Store, busy troops can now assemble their uniforms with just a few clicks of the mouse.

The virtual exchange's new "Uniform Ready-to-Wear" site makes it easy to complete uniform orders through one easy-to-use webpage.

The final product is shipped to the Airmen's door, ready to wear right out of the box with no assembly required.

Uniforms can be ordered along with add-on items such as boots, belts, t-shirts and socks. A local alterations contractor will even attach all nametapes, rank, insignia, badges and patches.

"This is the most convenient way for an Airman or officer to purchase a set of BDUs," said Army & Air Force Exchange Service Air Force Program Manager, Military Clothing Maj. Brian Schooley. "The uniform is delivered directly to the mailbox and once the local command patch is attached the uniform is ready to wear."

Operational since July 24, the "Uniform Ready-to-Wear" site may be accessed by logging on to www.aafes.com. From there, military service members need only to select "Military Uniforms Ready-to-Wear" to begin creating their custom uniform.



Muldoon Gate

The Muldoon Gate is open from 6-8 a.m. and 3:30-6 p.m. Monday - Friday. When school starts, the afternoon hours will change to 2-6 p.m.

EOSO Flip Flop Frenzy

Flip Flop Frenzy is the theme for the August function of the Elmendorf Officers’ Spouses’ Organization.

This membership drive and special Activities luncheon is at 11 a.m. Thursday in the Susitna Club Ballroom and includes a complimentary salad buffet. For more information, log on to <http://www.elmendorfo.com/activities.htm>.

Civilian COLA change

As a result of a survey completed by the Office of Personnel Management in 2003, the Cost of Living Allowance was projected to decrease to 14 percent; decreasing by 1 percent per year until any subsequent COLA surveys result in higher COLA indexes.

The final rule was issued in the Federal Register on Aug. 2 and is effective on Sept. 1, to be implemented on the first day of the first pay period after Sept. 1.

This means that General Schedule employees working in the areas of Anchorage, Fairbanks and Juneau will have their COLA reduced to 24 percent effective Sept. 3.

Legal office closure

The 3rd Wing Legal Office will close at noon today for an official office function. The office will reopen Monday for normal duty hours. If you have an emergency, call the on call JAG at 227-4011 or the command post at 552-3000.

Multimedia policy change

As a result of reduced manning, Base Multimedia will only provide presentation services for wing level or above starting Oct. 1.

Base multimedia will provide a projector to each group, however, units should purchase screens as required. For more information, log on to the Elmendorf portal from a government computer at <https://portal.elmendorf.af.mil>.

Stand Down 2006

Stand Down 2006 is from 8 a.m.- 8 p.m. today and 8 a.m. - noon Saturday at Camp Carroll at Fort Richardson.

Stand Down is a community-wide event designed to provide veterans in need with information on shelter, counseling, housing, medical and dental care, employment/job training, veteran benefits, legal issues, social security, social skills, emotional well-being and more. For more information, call 428-6010.

DTS-Limited no longer in use

Due to the implementation of the new DTS-Full travel system, the 3rd Comptroller Squadron will no longer accept DTS-Limited travel vouchers.

Any remaining vouchers in the DTS-Limited system must be filed manually with the finance office. For more information, call 552-5212.

Commander’s call

There will be a 3rd Wing commander’s call Aug. 25 in Hangar 5, Bldg. 7309 following the 3rd Maintenance Group Load Crew of the quarter competition. All personnel are asked to be in place by 11:50 a.m. The competition will start at noon and the commander’s call will follow at 12:45 p.m.

9-11 Remembrance

Since the tragedy of Sept. 11, 2001, Matty Wilson has made baked goods for local fire departments to mark the anniversary. If interested in baking or giving a donation, call Mrs. Wilson at 929-9069 or Donna Baker at 868-1193.

CCAF graduation deadline

The deadline to have all transcripts to the Community College of the Air Force to meet the deadline for October’s graduating class is Aug. 25. Students wishing

to meet this deadline need to have official transcripts sent off by Fed Ex within the next few days. Students should contact their individual schools for specific transcript request procedures. For more information or questions, call Joe O’Neil at 552-9647.

Arctic Bazaar

The Elmendorf Officers’ Spouses’ Organization Bazaar committee is now accepting applications from craft vendors for their upcoming Oct. 14 bazaar. The bazaar features “unique to Alaska” and/or hand-crafted merchandise.

This is a one day, “open base” event which runs from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Booth fees are \$100 for a 10 x 10 foot space. 100 percent of booth fees go toward the EOSO’s many charitable causes. If you have items to sell, join our event as a vendor. You can access the vendor application

or read more about the Arctic Bazaar at www.elmendorfoso.com or by calling Sandra at 694-1106.

Ladie’s bingo night

All ladies are welcome for an evening of fun, food and prizes, sponsored by the Protestant Women of the Chapel, Aug. 29 at Chapel 1 Annex starting at 6:30 p.m.

Prizes include a \$150 shopping spree, a cooking class and spa services.

A limited children’s program is available by reservation at 868-3416.

For more information, call Summer Boyd at 334-1003.

Loaner furniture

Long-term loaner furniture is available for accompanied and unaccompanied staff sergeants and below authorized to live off base.

To borrow furniture, bring a copy of your address and orders 9 a.m.-

4:30 p.m. weekdays to the housing office at 6346 Arctic Warrior Dr. For more information, call 552-4439 or 552-2599.

Bargain Shop sale

The Bargain Shop is having a bag sale through Monday. Shoppers can fill a grocery bag with select items and pay \$3.

Summer hours for the Bargain Shop will end Wednesday. For more information, call 753-6134 or log on to www.elmendorfoso.com/bargainshop.htm.

Bears in housing

Black and brown bears are present on Elmendorf. Dumpsters, pet food, bird feeders, and unsecured garages are unwanted attraction for bears. Keeping dumpster lids closed and other food sources unavailable will go a long way in reducing bear encounters which could result in property loss, injury and worse.

Road closure

The intersection of 20th Street and Rickenbacker Avenue is closed today for road repairs.



Chapel Schedule

- Catholic Parish**
- **Monday through Wednesday and Friday Mass:** 11:30 a.m. at the Chapel Center
 - **Thursday Mass:** 11:30 a.m. at the Hospital Chapel
 - **Sunday Mass:** 10:30 a.m. at Chapel 1
 - **Sunday Evening Mass:** 5 p.m. at Chapel 2
 - **Confession:** 4:30 p.m. Sundays at Chapel 2

- Protestant Sunday**
- **Combined Unity Service:** 11:45 a.m. at Chapel 1

- Religious Education**
- **Catholic Religious Education:** Sunday at 9 a.m. at the Chapel Center.
 - **Protestant Sunday School:** 10:30 a.m. at the Chapel Center.

For more details, call the Chapel at 552-4422.

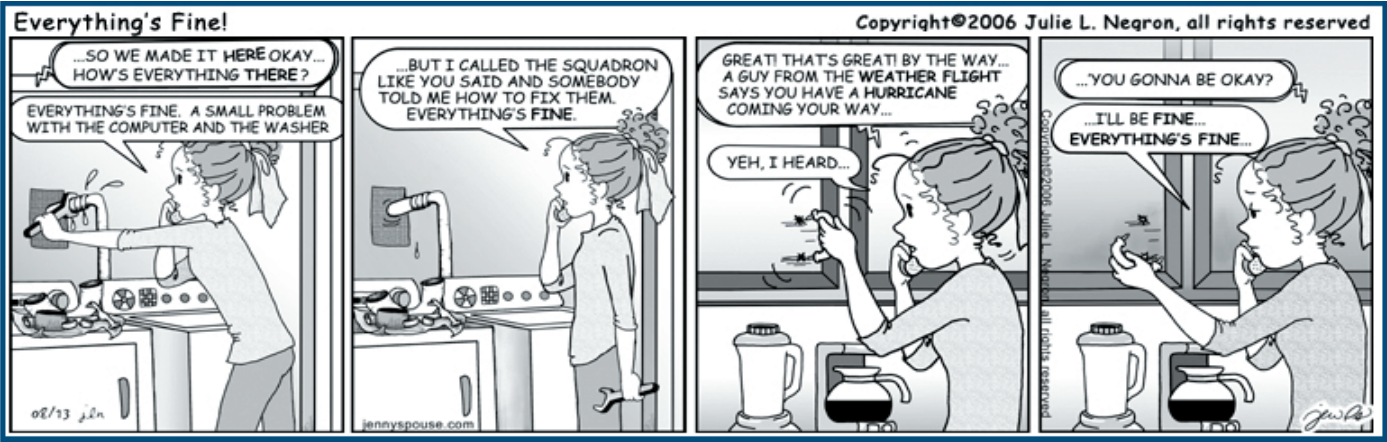




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Tech. Sgt. Ray Thompson

Organization and duty title: 3rd Wing Inspector General NCO in charge of wing inspections
Hometown: Champion, Ohio
Hobbies: Hunting, fishing and camping
How do you contribute to the Arctic Warrior mission: Develops, orchestrates, executes and evaluates 3rd Wing Operational Readiness and Emergency Management Exercises
How long have you been stationed at Elmendorf: Four years, eight months
Time in the Air Force: 13 years, six months
Best part about being in Alaska: Alaska offers so many recreational activities, something for everyone to enjoy.
Quote from supervisor: “Sgt. Thompson has dedicated himself fully to assure the 3rd Wing has an inspection program worthy of the arctic warriors. There have been countless hurdles to overcome with wing inspections, and Sgt. Thompson has met each challenge with a fresh approach daily to the new way of doing business.” Master Sgt. David St. John

Senior Airman William Harris

Organization and duty title: U.S. Air Force Band of the Pacific bandsman
Hometown: Reidsville, N.C.
Hobbies: Fishing, camping, woodworking, skiing
How do you contribute to the Arctic Warrior mission: Being part of an organization that gets the rare opportunity to be a spokesperson and recruiter for the Air Force every time we perform in uniform. It is truly the best job in the Air Force, and it is one that cannot function as individuals.
How long have you been stationed at Elmendorf: Two years
Time in the Air Force: Seven years
Best part about being in Alaska: Being able to spend time with family in such a beautiful setting; performing for the public in towns all over Alaska; playing for native villages that have never heard or seen brass instruments and are seeing the Air Force uniform for the first time; and of course, fishing.
Quote from supervisor: “Senior Airman William Harris is a ‘Go-To’ Airman. When you want something accomplished and done right the first time, he’s the man for the job. He tackles and successfully completes all duties and assignments at 100 percent ... the expectation of all Air Force personnel.” Tech. Sgt. John Pranter



PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. DAVID DONOVAN

Nonjudicial punishment

Article 15s:

An airman first class from the 3rd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron assaulted his wife. After being slapped repeatedly by his wife, the member grabbed her, forced her to the ground and held her mouth shut with his hands. His punishment consisted of a forfeiture of \$200 pay, 20 days extra duty and a reprimand.

A senior airman from the 703rd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron wrongfully used his government travel card. His punishment consisted of a suspended reduction to airman first class, 30 days extra duty and a reprimand.

An airman first class from the 3rd Medical Operations Squadron wrongfully used provoking words toward another member and assaulted another member by throwing an ash can and striking the member in the leg. His punishment consisted of a suspended reduction to airman and 45 days extra duty.

An airman first class from the 11th Operations Weather Squadron was absent without leave from his place of duty. His punishment consisted of a suspended reduction to the grade of airman and seven days extra duty.

Discharges:

An airman first class with the 732nd Air Mobility Squadron was administratively discharged for minor disciplinary infractions. His misconduct included a vacation action for wearing earrings, not maintaining his hair within regulations and for lying to his First Sergeant. A vacation action imposes suspended



punishment from a previous Article 15. He also received an Article 15 for underage drinking and committing adultery with a married military member. He has received five Letters of Reprimand for attempting to commit indecent assault on another military member, being derelict in the performance of his duties, failing to go to multiple dental appointments and for being late to work on numerous occasions. He also received two Letters of Counseling for being delinquent on payments for his Military Star Card account and for being late to work. The member's misconduct resulted in a General discharge.

An airman first class with the 3rd Civil Engineer Squadron was administratively discharged for minor disciplinary infractions. His misconduct included an Article 15 and a Letter of Reprimand for driving under the influence of alcohol on two separate occasions. The member's misconduct resulted in a General discharge.

An airman first class with the 3rd AMXS was administratively discharged for minor disciplinary infractions. His misconduct included a vacation action and an Article 15 for being late on several occasions, making false official statements and

being derelict in the performance of his duties. He also received a Letter of Counseling for being delinquent on his Military Star Card account and a Letter of Reprimand for talking on his cell phone while driving on base. The member's misconduct resulted in a General discharge.

An airman first class from the 3rd Equipment Maintenance Squadron possessed alcohol in the dormitories, smoked on a patio of the dorms, which was not a designated smoking area, and indecently exposed himself for public view. His punishment consisted of a reduction to the grade of airman basic, forfeiture of \$636 pay per month for two months, 15 days restriction to base and 45 days extra duty with 24 days of that extra duty suspended.

An airman with the 3rd CES was administratively discharged for minor disciplinary infractions. His misconduct included two Letters of Counseling for failing to go to physical training, one LOC for leaving a government vehicle unsecured overnight, one LOC for being late to work, one Letter of Reprimand for failing to refrain from having empty bottles of alcohol in his dorm room, one LOR for failing to remain on telephone standby, one LOR for driving a government vehicle back to the dorms to clean his room while he should have been at work, one Article 15 for attempting to use marijuana and one Article 15 for drinking alcoholic beverages while under the legal drinking age of 21. The member's misconduct resulted in a General discharge.

(Courtesy of the 3rd Wing Legal Office)

Dreams of being a pilot come true for 14-year-old

By Staff Sgt. Olenda Peña-Perez
3rd Wing Public Affairs

He never thought, at the age of 14, he would be wearing a flight suit, sitting in the cockpit of an F-15C with his name on the side of the plane.

But that's exactly what happened to Andrew Kurka, of Palmer, Aug. 8 when he had the chance to be a pilot for the day.

The day started off with a quick briefing about the squadron and then Andrew and his brother, Christian, 6, stood in with some pilots who were getting briefed about a flight they were about to take to San Diego, Calif.

Andrew had the chance to watch the pilots get their gear on in the Life Support Shop before they departed for California, and was surprised with his very own flight suit and gear.

"We fitted Andrew to Pilot (Aircrew Life Support) Flight Equipment which consisted of a flight suit, G suit, survival vest, helmet, mask and a helmet bag," said Staff Sgt. Andrew Medford, Aircrew Life Support Journeyman. "Some of these Items were given to him to take with him when he left at the end of the day."

Andrew learned how to use the equipment he was given and how to use Night Vision Goggles.

"We truly enjoyed doing this," Sergeant Medford said. "This gave Life Support the opportunity to show Andrew and his family, as well as others, what we do and the impact our career field makes on a daily basis. The experience allowed us to operate out of our day-to-day realm and bring happiness to someone who needed it."

After all this, Andrew still had a big surprise coming.

"If you are going to come over and become a pilot for a day you are going to need the gear," said Capt. Daniel Wilkinson Chief of Fighter Operations, Red Flag Alaska Elmendorf. "One of the first steps is a flight suit and you can't wear that without a name patch. One of the last steps is a jet. Although Andrew could not fly with us, we got his name on Aircraft 85-124, and

he got an extended tour of that aircraft."

Andrew said his video game at home doesn't even compare to the real thing and the controls are different.

"This is really cool, they put my name on the side, and then to sit in here and learn about all of it is awesome," Andrew said.

While Andrew didn't get to actually fly the jet, he and his brother did fly a simulator later that afternoon, and took down about 10 hostile aircraft between the two of them.

During his visit, Andrew also toured the squadron, the flight line and ate pizza with some pilots.

He went to the Red Flag hangar and the Alert facility, where he was given an Alert Crew Chief helmet.

While his day ended at the Eagle cage, visiting with Eagles Notch and Jack, his week was just beginning.

During the week of the air show, Andrew also met Scotty Gomez, a New Jersey Devils National Hockey League player from Anchorage, Alaska, and the Navy's Blue Angels demonstration team. He received a baton signed by all of the Army Golden Knights Parachute Team during a presentation at Arctic Thunder 2006 Saturday.

Andrew's mom, Amy, said she knew he would enjoy this experience because when he got out of the hospital, he was ready to jump out of a plane. While that hasn't happened yet, he does have the right gear to fly the plane.

"Andrew has always had a fondness of being on the edge," she said.

Andrew was a four-year wrestling champ who became

a paraplegic when he broke his back in a 4-wheeler accident in June 2005, he surprised his doctors when he started walking again.

After his accident, Andrew was referred to Wish Upon the North Star, a non-profit organization which provides wishes for Alaskan children with illnesses. His wish was granted when he found out he would experience the chance of a lifetime ... what it's like to be a pilot.

"He was selected for the pilot-for-a-day wish because of still being a thrill seeker after his accident, having an extremely warm personality and the determination to walk again someday," said Mary Rice, Wish Upon the North Star secretary. "(We) were very pleased to be able to match Andrew up with this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to take part in the 2006 Arctic Thunder events and we thank Cellular One and Elmendorf Air Force Base for their assistance in making this wish come true."



PHOTOS BY TECH. SGT. KEITH BROWN

(Above) 1st Lt. Luke Swanson, 19th Fighter Squadron pilot, gives a high-five to Andrew Kurka in the Life Support Shop before heading out to his F-15. Lieutenant Swanson was on his way to San Diego, Calif. Andrew became a paraplegic in June, 2005, when he broke his back during a 4-wheeler accident.

(Below) Capt. Daniel Wilkinson, Chief of Fighter Operations, Red Flag Alaska Elmendorf, has Andrew sit in the cockpit of an F-15C while he explains what the plane can do.



Arctic Thunder returns to skies over Elmendorf after year off



PHOTO BY AIRMAN JONATHAN STEFFEN

Neal Darnell's Flash Fire Jet Truck pours smoke out of the modified S-10 for the crowd Saturday. Mr. Darnell was one of the eight civilian acts who participated in Arctic Thunder 2006. The truck can go from zero to 350 mph in 6 seconds.



PHOTO BY BRIAN LEPLEY

Army Golden Knight Spc. Ryan Ray gathers his parachute and the POW/MIA flag after making an on-target landing during the base's air show and open house Sunday. The Golden Knights' jumps scheduled for Saturday were canceled due to a low cloud ceiling and aircraft mechanical issues.



PHOTO BY AIRMAN JONATHAN STEFFEN

A military working dog demonstration was one of the many nonaerial displays shown during Arctic Thunder 2006. Here, Tech. Sgt. Joel Ewing's arm is bitten by MWD Deny while Staff Sgt. Christopher Spradley tames the dog from Sergeant Ewing's arm during the six phases of aggression demonstration.



PHOTO BY SENIOR AIRMAN GARRETT HOTHAN

A Navy Blue Angels F/A-18 Hornet speeds past the Anchorage skyline during Arctic Thunder 2006. Nearly 136,000 people attended Elmendorf's 60th air show and open house. The Blue Angels, along with the Army's Golden Knights, headlined the event.

By Staff Sgt. Francesca Popp
3rd Wing Public Affairs

Arctic Thunder 2006 has ended and base officials have deemed it a success.

Aside from a few performance cancellations Saturday due to inclement weather, the air show and open house went smoothly. Nearly 136,000 people, slightly lower than the expected overall total attendance, witnessed the Navy's Blue Angels perform their famous diamond formation and other aerial routines. People attending also saw the Army's Golden Knights jump on Sunday.

In the months leading up to Arctic Thunder, Brig. Gen. Hawk Carlisle, 3rd Wing commander, said this would be the "greatest air show Alaska has ever seen."

One person who attended the show agreed.

"It's the greatest show on earth in my opinion. I was left in awe of the acrobatics of those wonderful and capable air pilots! I am so glad I didn't miss it this year, it is the one and only show I would take time to fight Anchorage drivers to go and see," he said via an online survey.

The air show committee seeks feedback from people who attended the air show. People can visit www.elmendorf.af.mil/3Wing/Units/PA/AirShow/default.htm and click on the link to take a survey.

The next Arctic Thunder is already being planned for the summer of 2008.



PHOTO BY AIRMAN JONATHAN STEFFEN

The A-10 East Coast Demonstration Team performs a simulated bomb run Sunday. This demonstration was one of 11 military aerial displays performed for the people who attended Arctic Thunder, Elmendorf's open house and air show.



Services Eaglet

"Telling the Services Story" in daily activities and special events for the Elmendorf community

Registration
deadline is
6 p.m.
Aug. 28

\$150 for amateurs
\$300 for professionals
*Entry does not include
green or cart fees*



This is the premier golfing event in the state for professionals and top amateurs to vie for the Eagleglenn Open Champion Crown. Players enjoy daily continental breakfast, on-course beverages and snacks, a banquet, door prizes and a chance to win \$10,000 with a hole-in-one.
Eagleglenn Golf Course - 552-3821



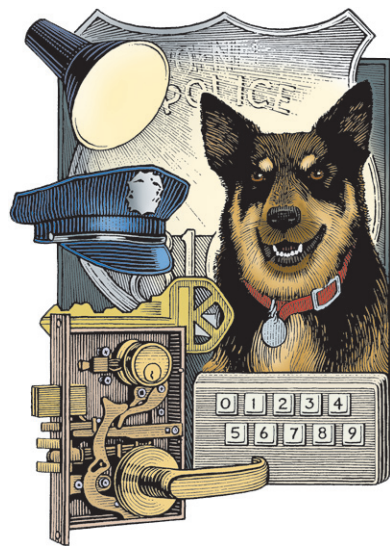
Take to the air and you could be off to the races

The more you fly, the better your chances to win!

GRAND PRIZE: Trip for two to a NASCAR race FIRST PRIZE: Actual Air Force NASCAR hood

Monthly drawings at the Aero Club for

David Clarke Headset \$300 Flight Scholarship
Flight Bag



National Dog Day Aug. 26

See the display of related books at the Library. There will also be a visit from the Security Forces with a K-9 demonstration and dog care discussion.

Library
552-3787

Berry Picking Season is Here

Rent a berry picker
from Equipment Rental
and make the most of
your berry picking
excursions

552-2023



Today

Fitness Day in the Park 9:30-11:30 a.m., Skillastic games and relays, Youth Center, 552-2266

H2Oasis 10 a.m.-5 p.m., \$12, ages 9-12, Youth Center, 552-2266

Couple's Golf Tournament tee time 4:15-5:30 p.m., \$25 per couple plus 9-hole green fees, limit 60 participants, door prizes and potluck dinner, Eagleglenn Golf Course, 552-3821

Back 2 School Fun Run noon, sign ups 11 a.m., children welcome, Fitness Center, 552-5353

Base Golf Championship Tournament tee time 8-11 a.m. also Saturday, Eagleglenn Golf Course, 552-3821

Trip to 5th Avenue Mall and Lunch 1-5 p.m., bring shopping and lunch money, Teen Center, 552-2266

Crazy Hat Day School Age Program, 552-5091

Saturday

Give Parents a Break 1-5 p.m., free Air Force Aid Society program intended to give parents a break during unusual hardships, must have a referral and a reservation, Denali CDC, 552-8304

Stamping "Art of Embossing" 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., \$15, bring your favorite stamp and we'll provide all supplies, limit ten people, Arts & Crafts, 552-7012 or 552-2478

DJ Karaoke 9 p.m., adults only, Kashim Lounge, 753-6131

Eklutna Trail Mountain Bike Ride

9 a.m., \$10 plus bike rental if needed, advanced sign-up required, Outdoor Recreation, 552-2023

Oil Painting "Bob Ross Style"

11 a.m.-3 p.m., bring a 16- by 20-inch canvas, \$35 includes all other supplies, Arts & Crafts, 552-7012 or 552-2478

Kid's Corner "Bird House Painting"

1-3 p.m., ages 3-15, \$15, sign-up early, Arts & Crafts, 552-7012 or 552-2478

Sunday

Family Xtreme Bowling 1-8 p.m., \$30 for up to six bowlers, shoe rental, one lane for two hours, two pitchers of soda and popcorn, Polar Bowl, 552-4108

Sunday Brunch 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., \$16.95 *Members First* price, \$19.95 regular price, \$7.95 for children age 6-12, Susitna Caf  , 753-3131

Monday

Monday Evening Road Bike Ride 5:30 p.m., \$6 bike rental if needed, Outdoor Recreation, 552-2023

Kenpo Karate 6-7 p.m. for children and families, 7-8 p.m. for adults only, \$30 per month, ages 4 to adult, Arctic Oasis, 552-8529

Tuesday

Preschool Parent Orientation 9:30-10:30 a.m. and 2:30-3:30 p.m. also Wednesday, Katmai Part Day Preschool, 552-2697

School Begins, School Age Program, 552-5091

Children's Story and Craft Time 10-11:30 a.m., for children three years and older of parents involved in Yoga, Morning Coffee Conversation or massage appointments at same time, Arctic Oasis, 552-8529

Wednesday

Beading "Simple String Work" 6:30-8:30 p.m., \$25 plus supplies, Arts & Crafts, 552-7012 or 552-2478

Intro to Photography 5:30-9:30 p.m., bring your own camera, \$45, limit eight people, Arts & Crafts, 552-7012 or 552-2478

Kenpo Karate 6-7 p.m. for children and families, 7-8 p.m. for adults only, \$30 per month, ages 4 to adult, Arctic Oasis, 552-8529

Thursday

Alaska State Fair in Palmer through Sept. 4, discount tickets available at Information, Tickets and Travel, 552-0297

Thursday Evening Mountain Bike Ride 5 p.m., \$5 bike rental if needed, Outdoor Recreation, 552-2023

Thursday Night Madness 5-9 p.m., \$18 per lane, up to five bowlers, shoes not included, Polar Bowl, 552-4108

Morning Coffee Conversation 10:30 a.m., book club for spouses of deployed military members, Arctic Oasis, 552-8529

August 25

Basic Automotive Services Class 5 p.m., by appointment, \$20, Auto Hobby, 552-3473

RC DJ (The Rajun Cajun) 9 p.m.-3 a.m., adults only, Kashim Club, 753-6131

Club Member Social Hour 5-6 p.m., adults only, Kashim Lounge, 753-6131 and The Cave, 753-3131

Now Showing

at the Talkeetna Theater

Today 7 p.m. PG-13

The Devil Wears Prada

Overseen with a finely manicured fist by Miranda Priestly--the most powerful woman in fashion--*Runway Magazine* is a fearsome gauntlet for anyone who wants to make it in the industry. A stint as Miranda's assistant could blast-open the doors for recent college graduate Andy Sachs. She is completely wrong for the job but she has something the rest of them don't: she refuses to fail.

Saturday 2 p.m. PG-13

Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest

Thrown into the world of the supernatural, Captain Jack Sparrow finds out that he owes a blood debt to the legendary Davey Jones, Captain of the ghostly Flying Dutchman. With time running out, Jack must find a way out of his debt or else be doomed to eternal damnation in the afterlife. The Captain's problems manage to wreck the wedding plans of Will Turner and Elizabeth Swann, who are forced to join Jack on yet another misadventure.

Saturday 7 p.m. PG-13

Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest

Sunday 6 p.m. PG-13

The Devil Wears Prada

History of the World, part 1

By Capt. Tony Wickman
71st Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

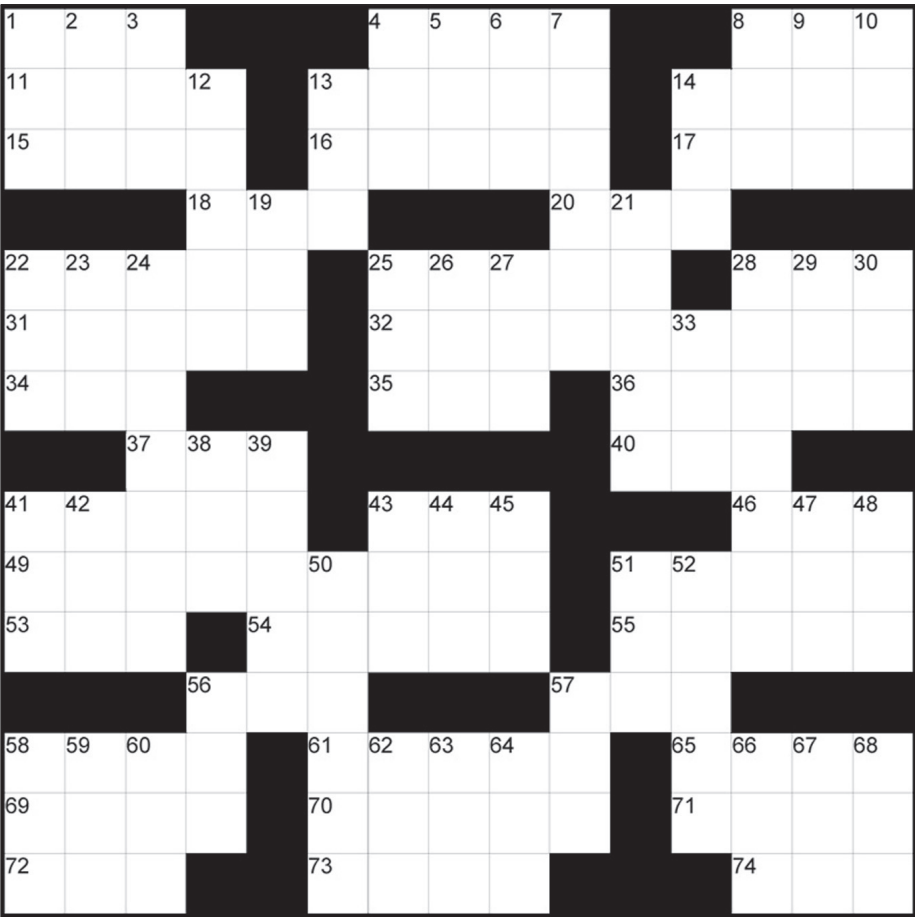
Across

- 1. Make a lap
- 4. Bellow
- 8. Auger
- 11. Exuberant
- 13. Cpl. Vernon ____; first enlisted pilot
- 14. Thaddeus S.C. ____; chief of the Union Army’s balloon corps
- 15. Bird knows for mimicry of human speech
- 16. Term for putting journalists with combat units
- 17. Hodgepodge
- 18. Animal doc
- 20. European mount
- 22. Famous cube inventor
- 25. ____ in Wonderland
- 28. Nights, briefly
- 31. Entertain
- 32. Site of Wright brothers’ first flight in 1903
- 34. Female companion
- 35. Mil. address starter
- 36. Small colorful tropical freshwater fish
- 37. Confederate general
- 40. Mistake
- 41. CNO Adm. William ____; made coastal

- defense agreement w/Army
- 43. ____ Offensive; 1968 Vietnam battle
- 46. Three to Cicero
- 49. Additional sum added to the usual cost
- 51. ____ Car; dropped Fat Man on Nagasaki (8/9/45)
- 53. Media mogul Turner
- 54. Navy P-3C aircraft
- 55. Ira ____; general developed/led daylight bombing of Germany
- 56. DoD telephone system
- 57. ____ Shorty
- 58. Event from 1939 to 1945
- 61. D-Day Beach
- 65. Gen. ____ Vandenberg; second CSAF in 1948
- 69. Bring in
- 70. Gen. Curtis ____; father of SAC and fifth CSAF
- 71. Scram!
- 72. Rapping doc
- 73. Puts on MOPP gear
- 74. Coffee holder

Down

- 1. Summer of ____ (1999)
- 2. William ____ Baldwin; balloonist and parachute specialist
- 3. Sn on Periodic Table
- 4. Alcoholic liquor distilled from molasses or sugar cane
- 5. Sphere
- 6. Iron or Bronze
- 7. Make ready for publication; as in Privacy Act documents
- 8. Earthlink competitor
- 9. Event from 1914 to 1918
- 10. Scientist Szilard; advocated building atomic bomb to FDR
- 12. First black USAF general; led Tuskegee Airmen in 1943
- 13. Wager
- 14. Snip
- 19. ____ out a living; get by
- 21. Battle of ____ Gulf; October 1944
- monumental sea battle
- 22. Scrap of cloth
- 23. Actress Thurman
- 24. Eugene ____; first black pilot to score an aerial victory



- 25. Alias, in brief
- 26. Sass
- 27. Simpson trial judge
- 28. Gen. Mason ____; chief of the Army Air Service /Army Air Corp
- 29. US Army network of support and leisure services, briefly
- 30. Popular 1960s Jamaican music
- 33. In ____ Shoes (2005)
- 38. Continuing in the same way, briefly
- 39. Distinctive spirit of a culture
- 41. Standard time in eighth time zone west of Greenwich, briefly
- 42. Lament
- 43. Cycle and pod lead-in
- 44. Exaggerated sense of self-importance
- 45. Yards for first down
- 47. Nickname for Supreme Allied Commander, later POTUS

- 48. Mission for UAVs
- 50. Only General of the Air Force; Air Force pioneer/advocate
- 51. Bonnet denizen
- 52. Formal declaration to fulfill a pledge; taken at enlistments
- 56. Obbligato
- 57. Enola ____; dropped Little Boy on Hiroshima (8/6/45)
- 58. Marry
- 59. Part of 58 Across
- 60. Anger
- 62. USAF program to promote harassment-free environments
- 63. USAF E-2
- 64. Owns
- 66. Unit of resistance
- 67. Mad About ____
- 68. A coat or cloak



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SPORTS PAGE

381st IS wins championship



(Above) Members of the 381st Intelligence Squadron Intramural Softball team display their championship trophy. The 381st IS defeated the 3rd Logistics Readiness Squadron Aug. 7 with a 20-12 score.

(Left) Micheal Perry, 381st IS, prepares to hit the ball out of the park to bring home more points for his team.



PHOTOS BY AIRMAN JONATHAN STEFFEN

Sport Shorts

Basketball and cheerleading sign ups

Basketball and cheerleading sign ups are at the Youth Center. The cost is \$45 per person and the child must be a member of the Youth Center.

Mighty Tots basketball sign ups for youth 3 and 4-years-old also begins Monday and cost \$35. For more information, call the Youth Center at 552-2266.

New bowling league

- Anyone interested in partici-

pating in a mixed bowling league on Saturdays should call the Polar Bowl at 552-3669.

■ The Monday night NFL bowling league begins Sept. 11. This is a trios league and teams must consist of any combination of three players.

For more information, e-mail Kirk Kopp at kirk2.kopp@elmendorf.af.mil.

Soccer challenge

The Elmendorf soccer team has challenged the Eielson Air Force

Base soccer team to a championship match at 5 p.m. Saturday in Fairbanks, Alaska.

The team is requesting the support of anyone who would like to travel to Fairbanks to show their support for the team.

For more information, call Airman Brandon Cook at 552-9007.

Sports physicals

The 3rd Medical Group Pediatric Clinic in cooperation with Family Practice is extending additional

appointments for School and Sports physicals through Aug. 25. These appointments are open to all Tricare Prime members. Please be sure to tell the appointment clerks that this is for a school or sports physical.

To make an appointment, call 580-2778.

Youth bowling

The Polar Bowl is currently accepting registration for youth bowling leagues. For more information, log on to <http://eteamz.active.com/polar-bowl>.